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If not for "political" and competitor's "survival" aspects regarding this case, Microsoft would be, and should be, severely punished. The agreed to "slap on the wrist" punishments are a joke and if Microsoft's competitors and (even) business allies would speak freely there would be double the evidence and vocal disdain against Microsoft. Microsoft's continued failure to acknowledge their past behavior should have an affect on the punishment. If there is anything I would NOT worry about, it is that severely punishing Microsoft would harm others. Even in the short term, most of even the strongest proposed remedies would be better for almost everyone. In the long run, we all gain and we would then have a precedent that shows you can't get away with illegal and unethical business practices. The proposed agreement is a big win for business thugs everywhere.

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